27 July 1970

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT

: JRC Reconnaissance Schedule for August 1970

- This memorandum provides background information for use in 40 Committee consideration of the August JRC Schedule. Recommendations in paragraph 9 below cover the basic JRC airborne and seaborne programs, the Non-Reconnaissance Operations Supplement, the Special Overflight Supplement and the NRP Forecast.
- There is a slight decrease in the number of scheduled airborne missions (575 vice 640 for July). This decrease is the result of small reductions in several Pacific programs and the cancellation, for budgetary reasons,

There are no completely new aircraft programs in the August Schedule. Although Yellow Sea missions are proposed in the Schedule, they are under a current "hold"

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| | 6. The Special Overflight Supplement (TAB C) includes the proposal for a TAGBOARD drone mission over South China (if the mission |
| | approved for July is not carried out) and one SR-71 mission over North Korea. We have no problems with the SR-71 flight. However, we still |
| | question the value of the TAGBOARD flight in view of the possible poli- |
| | tical consequences. high |
| | priority targets which have been designated by COMIREX as objectives for this proposed mission, |
| | Therefore, since the mission |
| 1 | has been approved by the 40 Committee, we see no need to take issue with it at this time. |
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| | 7. The NRP Forecast (TAB D) lists the normal two SAC U-2 missions |
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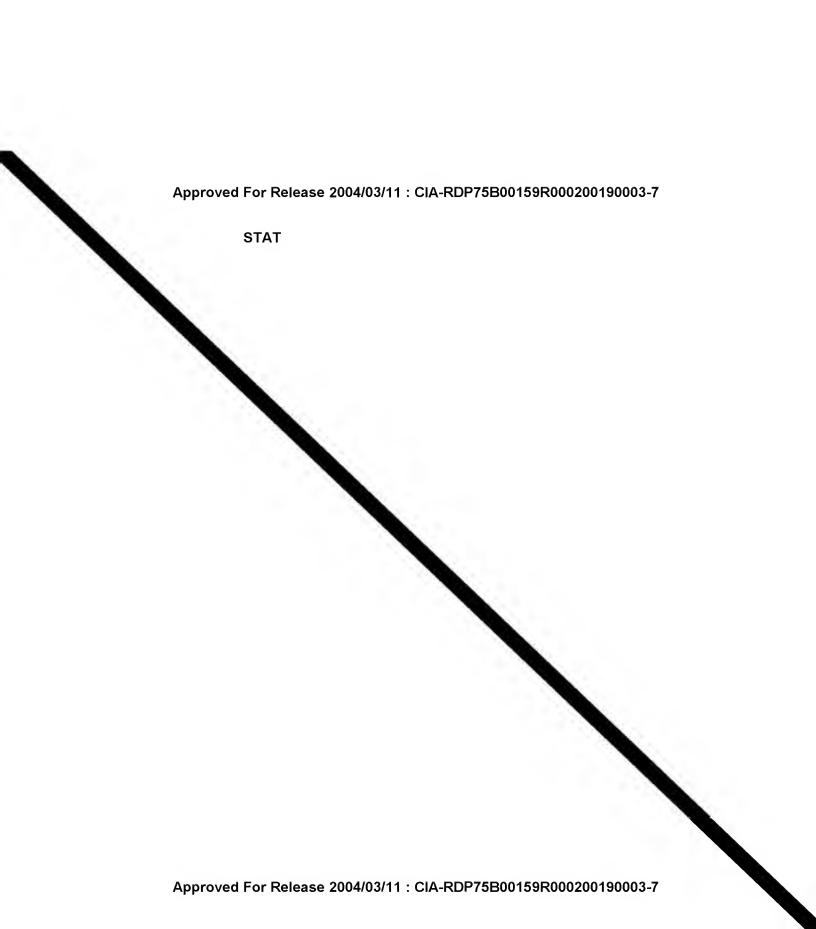
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